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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Terry P. MAHONEY et al.
Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROCESSING AN ELECTRONIC
VERSION OF A HARDCOPY OF A DOCUMENT
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Sir:

Prior to further examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims by replacing the indicated claims with the following clean versions. (See **Attachment A** for the marked up versions of the amended claims.)

5207. (Twice Amended) A method of processing an electronic document corresponding to a hardcopy of the document, comprising the steps of:

creating and storing the electronic document;

placing a mark on the hardcopy corresponding to the stored electronic document, the mark containing identification information and processing information of the electronic document;

viewing the hardcopy by an image capture device to capture an image of the hardcopy document, wherein the image capture device is activated by waving a copy of the hardcopy document in front of the image capture device;